

Applicants herein elect Group IV corresponding to claims 62-65. The election is with traverse as the Office Action does not give deference to the written opinion of the PCT phase of this case. No election of species was required in the PCT Written Opinion. Moreover, the election of species requirement is unduly burdensome on applicants and it would not be burdensome to search combinations of these species. For example, applicants respectfully submit that it would not be unduly burdensome to search group III along with group IV.

Applicants respectfully submit that at least one independent generic claim does exist in this case. Applicants note that a search of a reasonable number of species is warranted in such a case.

Applicants would prefer to expedite prosecution of this case and are willing to negotiate a compromise on this issue. Should the Examiner believe that there are any outstanding issues in this case, applicants invite the Examiner to telephone the undersigned attorney at 952-930-6135.

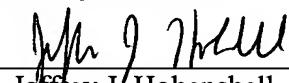
This response is being filed within one month of the restriction requirement. This no fee is believed due for this response. If this is in error, please charge any fee required for the submission of this Response and the accompanying supplemental information disclosure statement to Deposit Account No 501921.

Examination and consideration of the application is requested.

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